

Hughes, Gerry

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27 April 1983

Dear Gerry:

Attached is a note I have sent to members of our Task Force. It was obvious that some were carrying a greater load than others, and you certainly fall in this category.

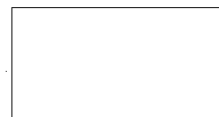
I cannot say enough about your contribution to our effort in handling the Beirut tragedy. Your willingness to take on any chore, your grasp of the implications of potential actions with respect to Agency interests, your willingness to serve throughout the day and night, and your support to me personally were of the highest professional level. Indeed, I don't know how we could have pulled it off without you.

For all of this, my deepest gratitude.

Many, many thanks.



Attachment



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, [] Task Force

FROM:

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Deputy Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. As we wind down our group effort response to the problems flowing from our tragedy at Beirut, I want to tell each of you how very much I appreciate your support. There was so much that needed to be done, problems to anticipate and resolve, and countless complicated details to consider. When I look back and recall all that was involved and all that we achieved, it is hard to believe that all this started on 18 April 1983.

2. It meant a great deal to me to know that I could call on you at very short notice. This obviously disrupted your own work routines, but you responded unhesitatingly. Also, your support, your willingness to take on tasking, and your immediate response to my requests were major contributions to our resolving the many problems that arose and the overall handling of the situation.

3. In fulfilling my responsibility for these cases, I have been influenced by two primary concerns: the welfare of the families involved and the interests of the Agency. It is my view that we succeeded in both. Without your continuing support and assistance, it would not be so.

4. Many thanks.



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